

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1 and 4-19 are active in the present application. Claims 2-3 are canceled claims. Claim 19 is a new claim. Support for the new claim is found on page 42 of the original specification. Independent Claim 1 is amended herein to remove the bivalent organic group of structure (6). Claim 1 is amended without disclaimer or surrender of subject matter.

No new matter is added.

REMARKS

Independent Claim 1 is drawn to a liquid crystal aligning agent that comprises a polyimide having a structural unit that includes the carbazole of formula (7) recited in present Claim 1. Applicants submit that the liquid crystal aligning agent of present Claim 1 is not disclosed or suggested by the art cited by the Office (i.e., Sawahara (U.S. 6,294,639) and Miyama (U.S. 6,808,766)).

Applicants request withdrawal of the rejections and the allowance of all now-pending claims.


INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants submitted an IDS on August 3, 2007 including a PTO Form 1449. Applicants' IDS cited two foreign patent documents. Applicants request the Office provide a signed and dated copy of the August 3, 2007 IDS acknowledging the consideration of the references cited therein.

For the reasons discussed above, Applicants submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicants request withdrawal of the rejections and the mailing of a Notice of Allowance acknowledging the patentability of the presently claimed subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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